

DISCUSSION WITH THE 2007 BIODIESEL STUDY COMMISSION MEMBERS. The new Biodiesel Study Commission has not been officially appointed, but it was determined that a brain storm session with some returning Biodiesel Study Commission members and GSCCC stakeholders would be beneficial. The following issues were raised:

- Straight Vegetable Oil: implications and legal issues – perhaps there could be individual testing to identify problems and conditions
- There needs to be a Stronger Marketing Effort perhaps connected to:
 - • Gas Buddy
 - • the National Biodiesel Board
 - • the availability of diesel vehicles
- Build awareness and educate the public on the benefits and availability of biodiesel.
- Coordination of regional efforts
- Encourage the heating oil market to include biodiesel
- Build raw material stocks
- Address the blender credit currently being absorbed early in the cycle and adding no end price benefit
- Assess the price of raw materials including waste grease
- Note that various sources can be used for the alcohol used in the transesterification process. Consider alcohols that can be developed from local sources including wood.
- Need to build synergistic industries between agriculture and industry and re-localize our industries. “Drill New Hampshire”
- Encourage small local production by identify road blocks by addressing:
 - • local permitting issues
 - • public concerns for safety
 - • the food vs. fuel issue
- Create State incentives for users
- Use mandate based on in-state production (Minnesota rule)
- Provide a preference for fuel assistance users who use bioheat
- Encourage municipal used oil programs; NRRA
- Seek grant dollars to cover the cost differential (apply to fuel assistance program too)
- Tie the use of biodiesel to climate change issues
- Fuel carbon tax
- Promote savings from reduced maintenance costs
- Provide consumer education on fuel types and options on new car purchases
- Quantify savings from increased engine life and decreased health impacts – tie to state purchase requirements for B5
- Get union support for health benefits
- Allocate funding for the development of a distribution infrastructure
- Consider an ASTM specification for heating oil
 - • revisit SB522
- Consider the long range benefit of supporting higher biodiesel cost now